as having poverty ratio higher than the average national level poverty ratio. These States along with their poverty ratio and number of people living below poverty line are as follows:

S.No.	States	Poverty Ratio (%)	Number of Poor (lakhs)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	33.47	3.98
2.	Assam	36.09	94.55
3.	Bihar	42.60	425.64
4.	Madhya Pradesh	37.43	298.54
5.	Manipur	28.54	7.19
6.	Meghalaya	33.87	8.23
7.	Nagaland	32.67	5.49
8.	Orissa	47.15	169.09
9.	Sikkim	36.55	2.05
10.	Tripura	34.44	13.02
11.	Uttar Pradesh	31.15	529.89
12.	West Bengal	27.02	213.49
	All India	26.10	2602.50

(c) and (d) Allocation under poverty alleviation programmes is decided on the basis of proportion of poor living in each State. For Bihar and KBK districts of Orissa, special programme has been launched under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana.

Allocation under DRF

3064. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared a special development package for Andhra Pradesh under the Development Reform Facility (DRF);

(b) if so, the amount of DRF fudn being allocated to the State since announcement of the package; and

(c) the amount of DRF allocated to other States and the norms prescribed for allotment of DRF funds by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) A new initiative, namely the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (Development and Reform Facility) is proposed for the development of backward areas, including those in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The details of funding under the scheme are yet to be finalized.

Growth rate in service sector

†3065. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual growth rate in the country is assessed to be continuously increasing in 1999-2000, 2000-01 and first nine months of 2002-03;

(b) if so, the annual growth rate in service sector in the country during above period, service-wise; and

(c) the additional employment oportunities created inservice sector during above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. The rate of growth in services sector (which includes Trade, Hotels and restaurants, Railways, Transport by other means, Storage, Communications, Banking and Insurance, Real estate, Public administration and Defence and other services) was 10.1% in 1999-2000, 5.6% in 2000-01and 7.4% during the first nine months of 2002-03 (over corresponding period of 2001-02).

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.